



Dear Residency Applicant,

The ASHP accredited Pharmacy Practice Residency with the Department of Veterans Affairs North Texas Health Care System and Texas Tech University School of Pharmacy is a 12-month program designed to develop skills in clinical pharmacy and pharmacy leadership while providing opportunities for didactic and clinical teaching and clinical research. The residency core rotations utilize the RLS approach to evaluation and enable the resident to master selected areas of clinical and management pharmacy established within the ASHP Practice Standards for a General Pharmacy Practice Residency. Required rotations include adult medicine, ambulatory care (which includes longitudinal training), drug information, and geriatrics. Elective rotations, mentored by clinical pharmacy specialists, are available in the areas of cardiology, critical care, infectious disease, mental health, oncology, pediatrics (at an alternate site), and research. Other areas of specialization are available through physician-mentored clinics.

Residents will gain teaching experience through serving as primary preceptor for Texas Tech School of Pharmacy PharmD candidates on two clerkship rotations. Residents are required to complete a research project, present the project as a poster at a professional meeting, provide a platform presentation at Alcalde SW Leadership Conference for residents and submit a manuscript suitable for journal publication by the end of the residency. Additionally, residents receive ACLS certification early in the residency year and are eligible for active participants of the code blue response team while on their critical care rotation. Residents staff one weekend per month (day shift) in the central pharmacy discharge clinic.

Requirements for the pharmacy practice residency include graduation with a doctor of pharmacy degree, eligibility for pharmacy licensure in Texas and US citizenship. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest, including professional goals and objectives, three letters of recommendation, official transcripts, curriculum vitae and completed Texas Tech and VA application forms no later than February 1 (early submission encouraged) to:

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Sincerely,

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